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**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 20, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003 ("Office Action"). The due date for response is January 20, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-517.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.